



COLOR INFLUENCES.

Varied Effects on Character Produced by Different Tones.

"It is the lack of romance that makes women uninteresting, and to be uninteresting is to fail." is a law of the feminine life as expressed by a writer in "The Ladies' Field," who urges on women the importance of making a study of color in its relation to themselves, their color, while it expresses character, at the same time, in forming it to her idea, for "the whole gamut of color is individually effective in developing character just as it is useful in developing certain phases of health. The most valuable are the primary tints—the yellow, reds and blues. The secondary tints have an almost equal value, some one way or another."

"They are all effective and dangerous weapons. If the woman knows and understands their use. Of them all, yellow is the most subtle and mysterious."

"To most women, who wear pastel shades when pastel shades are in vogue, white when "they" are in vogue, and black when black is in vogue, and so on, such views in themselves seem subtle and mysterious. But the following anecdote is enough to convince any skeptic.

"I was one of a party gathered in a Colonial Government house for the great event of the colonial—the late Queen's birthday. Among the guests were three French ladies, and one of whom nature had been prodigal of the fatal gift, and who was, withal, decidedly unattractive and uninteresting—shy, difficult and within an ace of being inarticulate.

"Well, they talked this woman over, as people have been known to do before, the artist paying over her good looks, the hussar complaining that she was completely obscured by the woman's lack of charm.

"But, added the artist, it is merely a question of color. She is a brown haired, brown eyed woman with an olive skin. She wears black, gray and drab! Horror! He shuddered violently. Women outrage color! They grossly misuse and misunderstand it. Put this woman into yellow and she will acquire courage to see what nature meant."

"Behold, a miracle was wrought. At the ball the next night, the woman with the fatal gift of beauty appeared in a dress of thin Japanese silk of a dull yellow. She looked like a new creature. Her eyes were bright, her cheeks flushed, her hair shone with a golden gleam, and she was completely transformed."

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THE SUNSHINE SOCIETY.

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. Was not kind to you alone? Pass it on. Let it travel down the years. Let it wipe another's tears. Till in heaven the dead appear—Pass it on.

IF YOU TRY. You can wear a smiling face. You can be a means of grace. If you try, if you try. You can gladden hearts with cheer. You can banish doubt and fear.

You can sing a joyful song. If you try, if you try. You can help a friend along. You can scatter golden seeds. You can give to other needs. You can live in little deeds. If you try, if you try.

(Rev. N. A. McCauley, in Herald and Presbyter.)

FROM ISCHUA BRANCH.

President of the T. S. S. Do not think because I am not very active that I have forgotten our dear T. S. S. but home duties come first, and as strength has come to me these duties have seemed to press harder. I still walk with a crutch, but am able to do a great deal of hard work, as well as some Sunshine work. My home has been a pleasure for several weeks by the visits of my friends from other places and by the visits of T. S. S. friends by mail letters, magazines and papers, all of which make sunshine for us.

I have been particularly interested in the mother who wishes to get an artificial hand for her little girl. I have a thought that may be helpful to that mother. The harness which goes with a hand made of rubber and is made of a delicate child. Why not get a fresh colored rubber glove, stuffed to make the correct shape, and sew it to a fitted sleeve under the child's dress sleeve. This would be inexpensive, and as the child grows could be replaced by a larger one. I hope this will prove profitable to some of our members.

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Longing.

BY LOUIS COUPELERS.

IN TWO PARTS.—PART I.

"There is nothing," thought he, "but my own sensibility. For me that is the only truth in the world." He felt it strange to be walking there, amid the bustle of the boulevard, lost between the stream of people going with him and the stream of those coming toward him, all it seemed to him, with some object, which caused them to hurry, elbowing one another to make way for themselves, and to reach their destination a second sooner. A few women were among them, their dresses and hats, men with important business, and they wore a scarcely definable air of hostility toward him, as though they at once saw that he was not one of themselves, that he had about him a strange aspiration differing widely from theirs, too widely for them not to push against him more rudely than against those of their own kind.

"They are not something to do," thought he, "except me. I never have anything to do."

Mechanically, he stepped before a shop window sparkling with jewels, diamonds darting out pink and yellow rays like rainbow beams from flowers of light, blossoming in the light of other flowers of light; light flowers, groups of electric light chandeliers blossoming like blue and white against the plate glass, which was so transparent that, by its clearness, it was as though it were not there.

And he longed for a soul of diamond, hard and glittering, of radiant substance, but still substance; a soul of substance that would suffer less than his own, woven out of invisibility and intangibility, which suffered.

Two women pushed lightly against him as he stood before the window. They too, had surely something to do, something important.

"And I have nothing to do," he thought. "What shall I do?"

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He had entered, sat down in the red leather armchair before the mirror and the marble table, and he saw himself, his pale face, his dark hair, his eyes, his nose, his mouth, his chin. He could see that he wanted shaving, and it came as a sudden and most pleasant surprise to him that he had not shaved for so long. He adjusted the rapping of his shoes, and looked at the barber's scissors further. He walked the few steps toward the barber's window, and the barber, who had been waiting for him, looked at him and said: "What shall I do?"

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AMONG THE MENNONITES.

Woman Traveller in West Tells of Their Curious Customs.

"No one knows how many queer things there are in the United States till he travels the length and breadth of them," said a woman just back from the West.

"You know my husband is interested in Western lands, and our trip took us into certain villages where it seemed to me that I was no longer in America. I rubbed my eyes, like Rip Van Winkle, to make sure I was awake. We found whole villages speaking another language. Several times we found villages containing only one person who would speak English, and who came whenever interpretation was needed. In some villages, I understand, not a single person can speak English. All their ideas, their traditions, their customs, are as different as their language. They are the living exemplification of the teachings of Tolstoy. They go to no war. They offer no resistance to injury. Few of them are married. Many things are common to the Russian and never sets its feet on a house, brightly polished and ever ready to brew a fragrant brew.

"These are the Mennonite villages of the Northwest. There are hundreds of them scattered through Kansas, Iowa and the Dakotas, with outlying stations in Montana and Colorado. The Mennonites are coming now in numbers second only to the Jews and Italians. We of the East know nothing about it. They are set down in immigration statistics as 'Russians,' and Russian to us means only Russian Jew. But these people are very different from Jews. It is wonderful how many different races Russia manages to drive out of her borders.

"New-York gets some of these Mennonite immigrants from the pocket the name of some little Western village, unknown to us, but a household word in his family for years.

"The great Peter granted certain privileges to induce this valuable immigration. He promised various exemptions for their benefit. These related to their lands, the immigration may be said to have only begun. It began in earnest only two years ago. It is coming now faster than ever, and will continue to do so.